

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 789**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3317**

**By Burks, Marrero**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 3382**

**By John Deberry**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, relative to family involvement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, § 33-3-109, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) A service recipient for services under Chapter 6 of this title shall be given an opportunity to approve and sign an information release that authorizes the facility or program to release certain information concerning the recipient to certain family members and other designated persons. This opportunity shall be offered when the recipient is entering inpatient or outpatient treatment at a facility, admitted in an emergency room, entering in a crisis response setting, or admitted in ongoing treatment with a community mental health care provider. This opportunity shall be offered to the recipient at the time of admission, periodically during treatment, and at discharge.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 10, 2008**

  
RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2008



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR